

Aberdeen's Annual Commemoration Ceremony for
William Wallace
 GUARDIAN OF SCOTLAND

*Sunday
 7th September
 2008*

*Schoolhill
 Aberdeen*



- 1.00pm** Kintore Pipe Band
- 1.30pm** "Gaita" Medieval Musical Troup
- 1.35pm** "Blythe Aberdeane" A comedy based upon Aberdeen's grand welcome to Queen Margaret in 1511, captured in William Dunbar's epic poem of that name.
Script by Charles Barron, characters & players by Loirston Drama Group, Medieval Realm – and pupils from Robert Gordon's, St Margaret's & Walker Road.
- 2.00pm** **Welcome**
The Very Reverend Dr. A.E. Nimmo
- 2.05pm** **Annual Wallace Address**
Rev. John Anderson
- 2.15pm** **Wreath Laying Ceremony**
Lord Provost Peter Stephen & Lord Aberdeen
- 2.20pm** **Floors o the Forest**
Pipe Major Jim Leith
- 2.25pm** **"Freedom Come Aa Ye"**
Barbara Anne Burnett
- 2.30pm** **Wallace Pageant**
The life & death of Sir William Wallace by pupils of Ferryhill Primary School
- 3.00pm** **"The Declaration"**
Loirston Drama Group & Medieval Realm players mime signing & read extract from the historic Declaration of Arbroath
- 3.20pm** **Dedication**
Rev Stephen Taylor of the Mither Kirk o St Nicholas
- 3.30pm** **Kintore Pipe Band**
Reform & Beat Retreat

Free seating available opposite Statue

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Wallace 700 Association

Wallace 700, a non-political charitable body, exists to advance the education of the public about the life, memory and values of William Wallace and his relevance to the heritage, culture and history of Scotland.

The association has a Board of Trustees drawn from across the political spectrum, the arts, academia and the kirk. Day-to-day business is handled by a Council whose current office bearers are:

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"William Wallace...?
He is essential to the striving
of the human spirit."

Professor Allan Macinnes
Professor of Early Modern History
University of Strathclyde

"Why honour a man long dead, and
barbarically executed as a traitor at that?..."



Simply because he was a man
who died for his principles.
Justice, freedom and liberty
meant a lot to him. If they
mean anything to us today, let
us strive to keep his memory
alive."

Reverend John Anderson

Aberdeen has,
without question,
the finest Statue
anywhere to
William Wallace.
Presented to
Aberdeen City
Council by John
Steill of Edinburgh,
in 1888. It will
serve as the focal
point for our
Commemoration
Ceremony.

Wallace & Today's Scotland

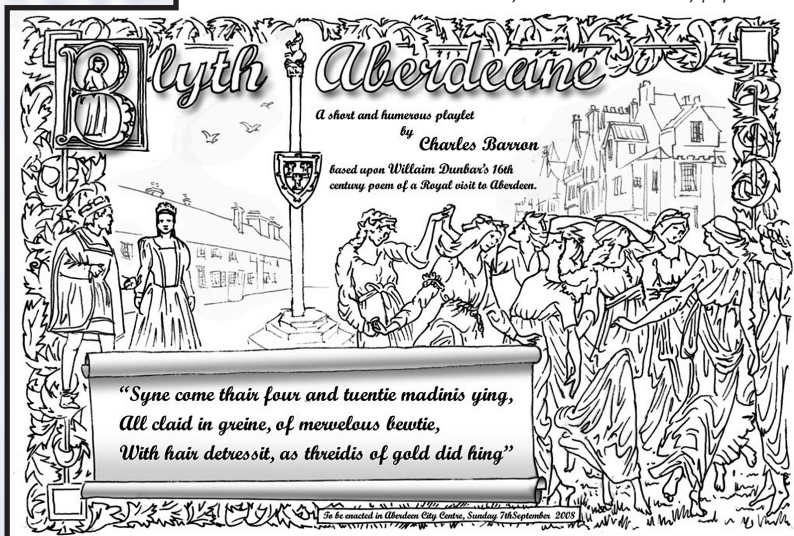
Had William Wallace not stood by his principles in 1305 and paid with his life for doing so, it is unlikely that conditions would have prevailed which led to the Battle of Bannockburn and the re-affirmation of the Nation we call Scotland.

Our event honouring Scotland's Guardian has, over the past eight years, developed from a commemoration into a celebration of aspects of the vibrant culture which his actions has bequeathed us.

This year we highlight a little known aspect of our history, the royal visit to Aberdeen in 1511. William Dunbar, one of Scotland's first and finest poets captivated Aberdeen's celebrations in his epic poem "Blyth Aberdeane".

Charles Barron has written the script for a short comedy involving the main characters in this poem...The Provost, Bishop Elphinstone, Queen Margaret & the poet himself.

Enactment will take place in front of the Wallace Statue involving members of Loirston Drama Group, Medieval Realm, senior pupils from Robert Gordon's and St. Margaret's providing the "fowr & twentie madinis" and "crowd scene bairns" by Walker Road Primary pupils.



Medieval Realm will be staging a re-enactment of the Battle of Harlaw at
NTS Castle Fraser, 13th & 14th September